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APPLICANT: Qingbin DONG et al. CONF.: 1384
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

November 14, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action dated August 14, 2001, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the second full paragraph on page 3, line 18 of the specification with the following text:

--According to U.S. Patent No. 6,030,974, "saxitoxin" or "STX" refers to a compound comprising a tetrahydropurine moiety composed of two guanidine units fused together in a stable azaketal linkage, having a molecular formula $C_{10}H_{17}N_7O_4$, (mol. wt. 299.30) and to derivatives thereof, including but not limited

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